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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES FEBRUARY 16, ARTICLE ON SOVIET
ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN

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1. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT ISSUED ANY BRIEFING PAPER ON
THE KIDNAPPING AND KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS AND DOES
NOT KNOW THE TIMES' SOURCE FOR ARTICLE DESCRIBED REFTEL.

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